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TITLE: Individually Operated Escape Device

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**NOTICE OF ELECTION BY APPLICANT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004 an election of the device depicted by : Fig. 19 of the subject patent application, is hereby acknowledged, as agreed to, in a previous telephone conversation, with the examiner.

**BACKGROUND OF CONTINUATION IN PART APPLICATION**

Applicant realized that there were many issues, and requirements, with regard to devices used for escaping from a burning building. Not all were addressed in the original application.

Many times occupants are trapped above the level of a fire, in an apartment building, or dormitory, and have the choice of ; going to the roof, if it is flat, out an open window, taking their chances of going down a stair case,